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21st TSC TAX TEAM REVIVES AN AFN TRADITION



21st TSC's team of tax experts revived an old AFN tradition—the live "Open-Line" tax call-in show—on 24 February at AFN's studios in Mannheim. From left to right: Donald Davis, Steve Smith, Mark Christensen, and Joerg Moddemog.

by Steve Smith

Tax experts from Kaiserslautern took to the airways on Wednesday, 24 February, on American Forces Network radio to get the word out about recent changes to the tax laws and the availability of free tax assistance services in USAREUR. They participated in the first live AFN "Open-Line" tax call-in show in several years. The show reached approximately 250,000 listeners in 57 countries.

These tax call-in shows used to be a regular feature on AFN radio. Jerry Shiles from 21st TSC and John Martensen from V Corps appeared frequently on the shows in the 1990s. When Jerry went back to the States in the late 1990s, John asked me to join him, and we continued the shows until John retired in 2005, taking with him over 30 years of tax experience.

When Mark Christensen became Chief of Client Services at the Kaiserslautern Legal Services Center this summer, we decided to assemble a new team to revive the AFN Open-Line tax call-in show tradition. Our German Attorney-Advisor, Joerg Moddemog, who has a wealth of expertise on German tax issues, and our Legal Technician, Donald Davis, who been preparing returns in Europe for over 20 years and coordinates our tax assistance program, rounded out our team.

Our second call-in show of the tax season will air on Wednesday, 7 April, on AFN radio's AM frequencies throughout Europe, just after the 10:00 am news. Give us a call at DSN 389-4595 or Civilian 0621-46085-595, or e-mail your tax questions to openline@afn.dma.mil, and we will do our best to answer them on the air!

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